

Furman Middle School

3400 Bethel Church Road
Sumter, SC 29154

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	862 Students	
Principal	Maria Newton-TaBon	803-481-8519
Superintendent	J. Frank Baker	803-469-6900
Board Chair	E. Keith Schultz	803-469-6900

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Below Average	Below Average
2013	Average	Below Average
2012	Average	Average
2011	Average	Average
2010	Below Average	Average

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

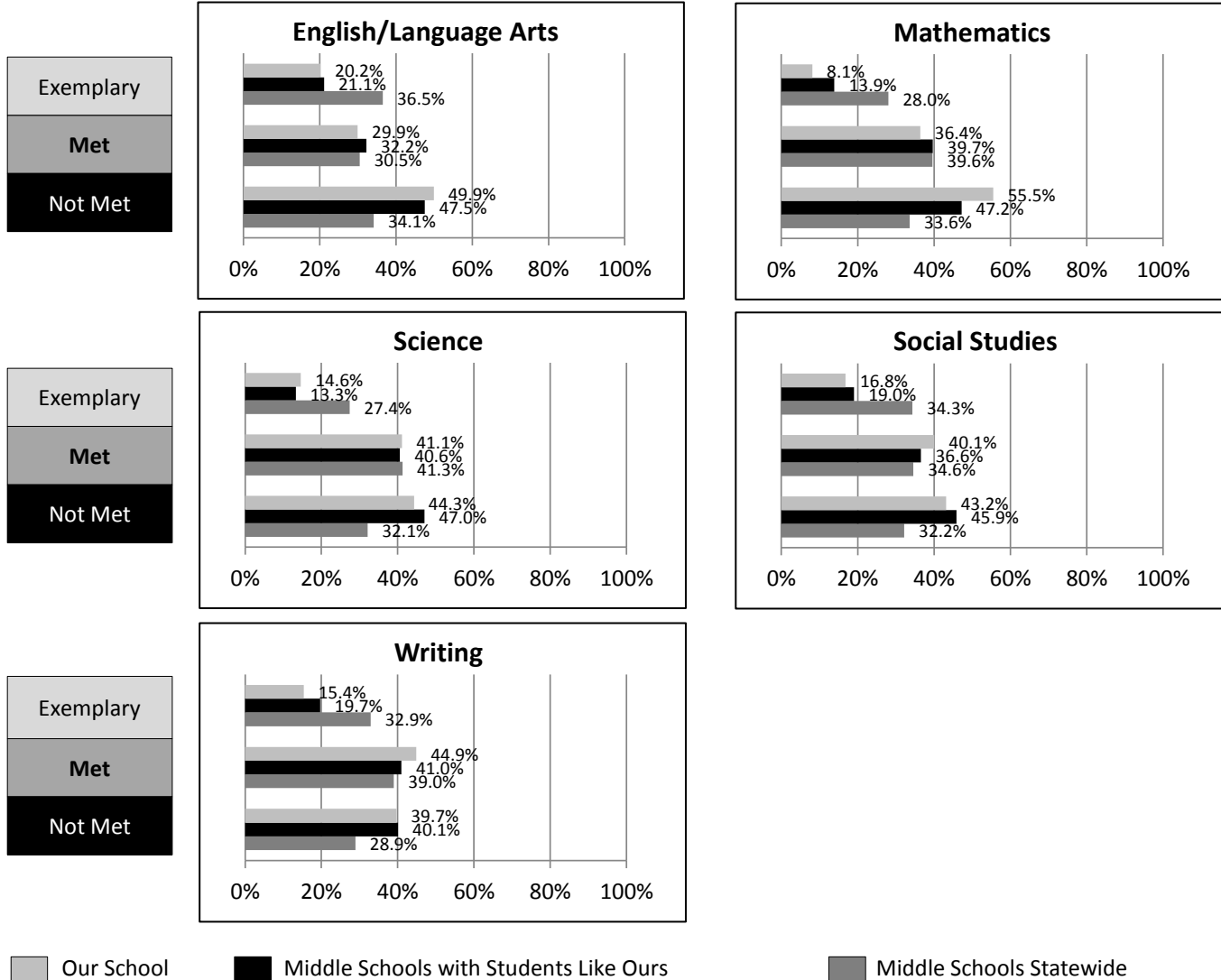
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 96.1%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
0	0	31	26	10

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n = 862)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	9.6%	Up from 9.3%	16.9%	26.0%
Retention Rate	2.2%	Down from 2.8%	0.8%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	91.6%	Down from 93.6%	95.7%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	19.8%	Up from 19.6%	10.7%	19.4%
With disabilities	16.8%	Up from 14.2%	15.2%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	10.2%	Up from 8.4%	6.2%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	13.8%	Up from 0.6%	0.8%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 53)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	49.1%	Down from 59.6%	59.6%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	47.2%	Down from 59.6%	68.2%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	77.7%	Down from 81.8%	80.3%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 96.3%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,644	Up 1.1%	\$45,365	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	11.4 days	Up from 7.1 days	11.0 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Down from 22.9 to 1	19.5 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.8%	Down from 89.4%	89.4%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	Down from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.7%	Down from 97.9%	97.5%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,418	Up 4.1%	\$8,706	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.0%	Up from 61.0%	58.7%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.0%	No change	57.8%	61.3%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	85.2%	94.9%
English 1	98.2%	90.2%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	91.4%	94.2%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

At Furman Middle School, the faculty and staff are committed to providing challenging opportunities for all students to be successful. Students, parents, faculty, staff and community members support each other in our endeavors to achieve this goal.

We are meeting the challenges of improving student achievement with increased rigor in daily lessons.

Our recent implementation of the Building Data Team (BDT) and Leadership Data Team has played an intricate part in analyzing data to provide personal learning objectives and goals for our students. One hundred and sixteen students enrolled in our After School Program to receive additional support in math and language arts. Our English Language Learners (ELL) were provided a specialized after school program to meet their needs in math and language arts. Support for our reading goals includes Read 180, S. C. Junior Book Awards Program, YTrap, and teacher led reading initiatives. We also benefitted from receiving over 700 books to add to our classroom libraries from First Book. Our seventh grade students were involved in an opt-in pilot program of single gender English language arts and mathematic classes. The experience was phenomenal for students, parents, and teachers.

One hundred percent of our eighth grade English I and ninety-three percent of Algebra I students passed the end-of-course exams. Furman had nine SC Junior scholars. Sixty-five students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Twelve students were honored by the Sumter Chamber of Commerce at a breakfast which recognized their good character and outstanding citizenship. A recognition night was held at USC-Sumter by the Sumter Prevention Team where two of our students were honored. One student represented Furman Middle by attending the Author’s Luncheon in Columbia, and Twenty-nine athletes were recognized for academic excellence.

Our goal for the 2014-2015 school year includes a strong focus on literacy and writing across the curriculum. We will broaden our single-gender class initiative in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. These classes will address the different needs, learning styles, and interests of our students to help them succeed. Professional development will be ongoing for our staff along with providing support by the Gurian Institute: Learning Through a Gender Lens. In addition to our instructional goals, we will continue to provide opportunities for parent and community involvement.

Maria Newton-Ta’Bon, Principal

Todd Pumphrey, School Improvement Council, Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	54	262	68
Percent satisfied with learning environment	79.6%	55.4%	75.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	84.3%	63.2%	66.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	44.5%	79.9%	48.5%

* Only students at the highest middle school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	38
Overall Grade Conversion	F

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

Furman Middle School has been designated as a:

	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
X	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State	
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.7	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	13.6	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	34.9%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	91.6%	94.0%*	No
		State	
Professional qualifications of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)		61.9%	
Percentage of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials		0.0%	

* Or greater than last year

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SC PASS Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean*	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested
Grades 6-8							
All Students	602.8	599.1	608.9	611.0	99.7	99.5	98.8
Male	596.3	598.0	610.8	613.0	99.5	99.5	99.0
Female	609.4	600.3	607.0	608.9	99.8	99.5	98.5
White	614.3	606.4	619.1	619.2	99.7	99.7	98.8
African American	591.9	592.0	599.1	604.7	99.5	99.3	98.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	608.4	604.0	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	563.2	570.3	572.3	584.2	98.6	98.6	97.8
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	599.3	596.4	605.6	608.2	99.6	99.5	98.6
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

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Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

2013	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV	
5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV	
6	289	612.0	99.3	289	616.7	99.3	
7	329	609.4	99.1	329	607.5	99.1	
8	295	613.0	99.7	295	610.3	99.7	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
6	145	604.2	98.6	143	618.8	100.0	
7	329	615.0	99.1	328	609.9	99.1	
8	149	616.4	99.3	146	613.1	99.3	

2014	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
6	278	600.9	99.3	277	587.0	98.9	
7	268	610.9	100.0	268	606.9	100.0	
8	313	597.4	99.7	313	603.1	99.7	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	136	595.5	97.8	137	614.4	96.5	
7	268	612.5	100.0	267	608.2	99.6	
8	153	614.3	97.5	151	612.8	96.2	

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NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District) 4/27/2015 4301003

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	631.2	625.8	615.2	628.1	99.6	99.8	99.5	N/A
Male	625.9	623.2	615.1	628.3	99.6	99.8	99.5	N/A
Female	636.7	628.5	615.3	627.9	99.7	99.7	99.5	N/A
White	649.9	646.1	636.8	642.6	99.2	99.4	99.4	N/A
African American	619.8	612.6	601.3	618.7	99.8	99.9	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	662.6	671.8	660.6	662.8	100.0	100.0	98.1	N/A
Hispanic	637.6	637.2	625.5	635.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	593.2	589.3	586.0	601.9	98.8	99.7	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	628.4	638.4	625.7	640.1	100.0	98.9	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	622.4	616.8	605.3	620.7	99.7	99.9	99.6	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	609.4	609.3	619.6	619.0	99.5	99.6	99.1	N/A
Male	602.5	607.0	619.4	620.6	99.4	99.5	98.9	N/A
Female	616.7	611.7	619.9	617.4	99.7	99.6	99.2	N/A
White	629.6	623.6	639.5	634.8	99.2	99.2	99.5	N/A
African American	598.5	601.0	608.3	610.7	99.7	99.7	98.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	634.3	644.7	656.0	657.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	615.9	618.1	626.6	623.4	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	570.2	577.8	578.8	586.8	99.1	99.1	98.7	N/A
Limited English Proficient	592.0	602.5	600.3	607.9	100.0	100.0	97.6	N/A
Subsidized Meals	601.1	602.2	610.5	611.1	99.6	99.6	98.9	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	223.6	210.4	77.3	70.2	98.6	98.2	100.0	79.2
Male	220.8	211.0	77.6	70.7	98.1	97.5	100.0	75.0
Female	226.2	209.8	77.0	69.7	99.0	98.9	100.0	83.5
White	233.8	221.7	83.6	74.4	97.7	97.7	100.0	83.9
African American	218.6	204.6	73.7	67.8	99.0	98.3	100.0	76.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	88.9
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	80.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	72.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	205.3	193.1	67.3	63.2	94.7	93.0	100.0	35.4
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	218.8	204.8	74.8	67.8	98.2	97.8	100.0	73.6
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	620.6	630.1	634.4	639.8	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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Key	
NSLP	National school lunch program
SD	Student with disabilities
ELL	English language learner
NAEP	National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

	Our School
Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments	0

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